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WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Mean Temperature—78.9 degrees.
Maximum Temperature—72.9 degrees.
Minimum Temperature—62.9 degrees.
Barometer—29.91 at 9 P. M.
Rainfall—0.96 inches.
Mean Dew Point for the Day—67.7.
Mean Relative Humidity—71.

WINDS.

Wind E.N.E. 12.
Forecast for Today.
Weather fair, with tendency to southerly winds.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

The platform adopted by the republican territorial convention yesterday is, with one exception, more notable for the things it neglected to say than for what it did say. Not but there are many things in the platform to be commended, but the convention failed to do something that no other republican convention held this year in any one of the forty-five states and three territories of the mainland has failed to do.

It failed to endorse the wise, progressive, firm and statesmanlike administration of President McKinley, the only administration that the United States has ever had that has given the country a distinctive American foreign policy. The administration under which Hawaii's petition to be taken into the union was given heed and her wish consummated; the administration which gave Hawaii her most liberal territorial government; the administration which has done so much for every part of the union and which has been most enthusiastically endorsed by every other republican convention held throughout the length and breadth of the land within the last two years.

Why the administration of President McKinley was not endorsed perhaps some of the members of the committee on platform may be able to explain.

On the subject of the territorial administration of Governor Dole there was the same absence of endorsement. Was Governor Dole's administration passed over because the committee did not feel that the convention could with good faith endorse it? In any other territory in the union the failure to endorse the territorial administration would be most serious. It would undoubtedly, as it has on several occasions in the past, either result in the resignation or the removal of the territorial governor. This has been the case in other territories on more than one occasion when the convention of the party to which the governor belonged failed to endorse his administration.

The plank on municipal and county government is not what the friends of these reforms had a right to expect and it looks as though those members of the committee who were supposed to favor county and municipal government allowed themselves to be handed a gold brick. To declare for municipal and county government AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE means nothing. "As soon as practicable" may mean one year from now or it may mean fifty, the latter more likely than the former. Had the plank said it favored municipal and county government "at the earliest possible date," then every one would have known it meant what it said.

It is greatly to be regretted that the motion of Judge Kaulukou to adopt the platform as a whole was not quickly put and carried before the following amendment of George P. Kaumaona was introduced:

"We earnestly request the congress of the United States to amend that portion of the territorial act which provides that only the English language shall be used in conducting all legislative proceedings, so as to permit the use of the Hawaiian language."

There is no calculating the harm this plank of the platform may do in the states. Even so slight a thing may result in the defeat of President McKinley. The anti-annexationists and anti-imperialists are grasping at every straw to use as an argument against the re-election of President McKinley. They will point to this as an example of what annexation brings about. The American nation is one people, with one flag and one language, and must necessarily be so. This question has caused some very bitter political fights in the states and has been settled for all time. In Wisconsin some years ago there were townships and in a few instances whole counties which were conducting their affairs in German and teaching the German language in the public schools. The subject was made a political issue and upon it Governor Hoare was elected and

legislation enacted which forbade the teaching of any excepting the English language in the public schools. Illinois and other western states followed suit. It was realized that if such a state of affairs were permitted that very soon, instead of one people and one language, the United States would become a perfect babel of tongues.

More than three-fifths of the people of the territory of New Mexico speak the Spanish language to this day, but the legislative proceedings have to be conducted in English. Why? Because it is the language of the nation to which New Mexico belongs. Hawaii went into the union of her own accord. Yes, she not only asked, but begged to be taken in. She sent commissioners to Washington to urge her admission. Her constitution expressly provided for annexation to the United States. This implied at least a carrying with it of all that admission to the United States would entail, including the use and adoption of the English language to the gradual exclusion of any other.

Going back to New Mexico, it can be stated as a fact that cannot be gainsaid that that territory would have been admitted as a state long ago but for the fact that her people cling to the Spanish language rather than adopt the English. For years New Mexico has had the wealth and has had population sufficient to entitle her to statehood, but congress has said, "Nay!" not until your people drop the Spanish language and adopt the English will we admit you as a state." To advocate statehood for Hawaii and at the same time adopt a plank requesting congress to permit the use of the Hawaiian language in the legislature is to make the party and the territory ridiculous. The adoption of the latter nullifies every effort that may be made for statehood for fifty years to come.

The anti-imperialists will make the most of this false step by the convention. They will point to it as an example of what can be expected from the annexation to the United States of outlying islands. They will declare that with Hawaiians wanting to conduct legislative proceedings in the Hawaiian language, the Porto Ricans will in like manner want to conduct legislative proceedings in Spanish, the Visayan of the Philippines in Visayan, the Tagals in Tagalog, the Sulus in Sulu, the Samoans in Samoan, and so on to a very confusion of tongues worse than the tower of Babel.

The re-election of President McKinley is all important to Hawaii and Hawaiians. It means more to them than they apparently realize and to jeopardize his election by adopting this unwise plank is something that passes all understanding.

There is a doctor in this city who has made himself particularly offensive to women employees of this office who are compelled to go to the restaurant at midnight or later for their supper. The next time he repeats his offensive conduct we promise him not only arrest but publication of his name in this paper. Some people in the community are not devoid of all manhood and decency, even if Dr. M. is. Do you understand, doctor?

The republicans should not lull themselves into a feeling of absolute security, in the faith that "there is nothing to the democratic party, anyway." If the party managers do that, they are liable to have a stunning awakening about election day. The mass meeting at the Orpheum last evening must have convinced the most skeptical present that there are some democrats in Honolulu and that they are decidedly alive.

County and municipal governments will be "practicable" just as soon as the legislature gets into working order. The other parties in Hawaii will be more pronounced on this subject than the republican convention plank is after being doctored.

Was the failure to endorse Governor Dole and the present republican government in Hawaiian intentional slight on the part of the republican convention?

Judge Estee has introduced the American system of selecting trial jurors. It should serve as an object lesson to the next legislature.

The three political parties will now clear their decks for action. The period of compromises and deals has passed and the battle is on.

The republican ticket, so far as the island of Oahu is concerned, will probably be completed tonight. Then the campaign will begin in earnest.

It will be a triangular fight between Parker, Prince David and Bob Wilcox. Of the three, Sam Parker is the most representative man.

As a cut and dried affair the democratic mass meeting could not be excelled. It was "machine" up to the very handle.

Six weeks remain to do battle in, and the time is not too long.

CONVENTION JOTTINGS
TOLD IN FEW WORDS

The natives predominated. Col. Sam Parker, you're it. That secret caucus would have been fatal.

Secretary Hendry's voice easily filled the hall. W. J. Coelho is an ideal interpreter and a fair one.

Col. Hauke was there, but never made a speech. The glee club made a great hit at the evening session.

Judge Kaulukou was the parliamentarian of the body. There was considerable politics done during the afternoon.

Col. Sam Parker was a notable figure of the convention. A. V. Gear was the most ponderous man in the convention.

Carl S. Smith didn't cut much of a figure in this convention. The Hawaiian flag blends rather well with the stars and stripes.

Not a bad convention for the second one under the new conditions. The fine Italian hand of W. C. Achi was visible in the convention.

H. P. Baldwin made a capable and perfectly impartial chairman. The native takes to oratory as naturally as a duck takes to water.

Andy Brown looked after the water supply and did it religiously, too. Two Honolulu newspaper men lent a literary aspect to the convention.

George Hons is doing effective work for the party in his section of Maui. C. B. Wilson added dignity to the delegation from the Fourth district.

Delegate Paris was one of the most influential members of the convention. George Gear was present during the afternoon session picking up pointers.

W. C. Achi wore a constant smile, indicating that things were coming his way. Dick Daily is an ideal sergeant-at-arms. And he still knows how to cater.

Liliuokalani couldn't have fared better had the convention been packed in her interest. Secret sessions of political conventions are not assimilative with free institutions.

Capt. Charlie Wilcox was the most modest and retiring delegate in the convention. D. H. Kahanello only had the floor once yesterday, and he hasn't lost his voice either.

Farrington and Coney of the Bulletin both were delegates. Can't drown out the press. H. L. Holstein is the sort of active man who will make a good senator from Hawaii.

There was no occasion for that strong to the demand for county and municipal governments. Judge A. W. Kepoikai doesn't talk much, but that isn't because he is an effective party worker.

So cosmopolitan a republican convention was probably never before held in the United States. Hilo was ably represented by a fine delegation, and Senator Loebenstein made a splendid chairman.

The presence of that distinguished brunette, T. McCants Stewart, gave a tinge of color to the assembly. J. D. McVeigh was present and quite approved of the sanitary conditions; also of the actions of the convention.

A. F. Gillilan is one of the men who says but little but saws wood. That's the way he'll saw into the legislature. It was a call between Colonel Hauke and Jimmy Boyd for being the handsomest delegates in the convention.

John G. Jones felt lonesome because not one of the three Smiths of the Hilo delegation were present to keep him company.

There was no questioning that the ex-queen had the affection of the convention, hailes as enthusiastically as the natives. Did that conference in rear of the hall between George R. Carter, L. L. McCandless and W. C. Achi carry any significance?

W. G. Smith of the Advertiser dropped in for a few minutes, but found the business altogether too slow for his liking.

Uncle Sam will have something to say about the Chinese fire claims and the customs receipts, and your uncle has the last say.

Col. J. C. Baird, United States district attorney, visited the convention to compare Hawaiian with mainland political methods.

Harry Mills had the courage of his convictions, at least, which is more than can be said of many delegates in a political convention.

A number of ladies attended the evening session and liberally applauded the speeches of Senator Loebenstein and Colonel Parker.

The expression of sympathy with the lepers and of interest in their welfare was most happily done by the author of the resolution, Mr. Dickey.

Yardley, the artist, made an unsuccessful effort to picture some of those double vowel combinations as Mr. Coelho threw them at the natives.

Col. Harry Fisher dropped in just to see how the boys were catching on to the game political. He expressed himself as well satisfied.

Judge Hookano meant his resolution giving an eight-hour working day to American citizens only in a patriotic sense, but he was hilariously squelched.

Though Mr. L. L. McCandless' harbor resolution was rejected he made a strong showing for the necessity of legislation against private wharfs with their extortionate charges.

Dr. Garvin, executive officer of the board of health, lent his presence to the sessions, but there is no truth in the report that he suspected the Hilo delegation of retaliatory designs.

The anti-trust resolution turned the laugh on Col. Parker and George McLoud, as some one whispered "beef" so audibly that it could be heard all over the hall. Hence the laugh, which was taken good naturedly.

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